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THE AFRICAN SITUATION--AN OVERVIEW

ANNCR: NEWS ANALYST FRED GALVAN EXAMINES SOME OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

VOICE: SOUTH AFRICA HAS COMPLETED THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL OF ITS TROOPS IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA. THIS LEAVES THE CUBANS AS THE ONLY SIZABLE FOREIGN MILITARY FORCE ON ANGOLAN SOIL. THE MORE THAN TWELVE THOUSAND CUBAN SOLDIERS ARE EQUIPPED WITH SOPHISTICATED, HEAVY AND LIGHT SOVIET WEAPONS--A CIRCUMSTANCE THAT CONTINUES TO GENERATE DEEP CONCERN NOT ONLY IN WASHINGTON, BUT IN LONDON AND IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE.

AT THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AROSE DURING THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S DEBATE ON AN AFRICAN PROPOSAL FOR CONDEMNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERVENTION IN THE RECENT ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR. THE CHINESE DELEGATE CHARGED THE SOVIET UNION WITH WHAT HE CALLED "NAKED AGGRESSION" THROUGH THE USE OF THE CUBANS AS MOSCOW'S SURROGATES AND THROUGH THE PRESENCE OF MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ANGOLA. (OPT) THE COUNCIL DEBATE RESUMES MONDAY AND IT IS FAIR TO ASSUME THAT THE CONTINUED SOVIET-CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA WILL LOOM LARGE IN WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE A HEATED DISCUSSION. (END OPT)

IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON THAT ISSUE HAD SHARP REPERCUSSIONS THIS WEEK. ON THURSDAY, PRIME MINISTER WILSON TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT BRITAIN HAD INFORMED THE SOVIET UNION'S FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO DURING HIS VISIT TO LONDON THAT "IF THE CUBANS WERE TO INTERVENE ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA, THERE WOULD BE A NEW AND EXTREMELY SERIOUS SITUATION." (OPT) THE WILSON STATEMENT CAME IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REFLECTING BRITISH

CONCERN THAT THE CONTINUED SOVIET-CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA MIGHT SIGNAL MOSCOW AND HAVANA'S AIM OF INTERVENING IN THE RHODESIAN SITUATION. FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN DIRECTLY CONFRONTED FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO WITH THAT CONCERN WHEN HE WARNED THE SOVIET DIPLOMAT THAT ANY ANGOLA-LIKE ACTION IN RHODESIA BY EITHER MOSCOW OR HAVANA WOULD BE REGARDED BY BRITAIN AS AN AGGRESSION AGAINST ITSELF. MISTER CALLAGHAN POINTED OUT THAT DESPITE BRITAIN'S RUPTURE WITH THE WHITE MINORITY IAN SMITH REGIME, IT STILL CONSIDERS RHODESIA LEGAL BRITISH TERRITORY. (END OPT)

AND HERE IN WASHINGTON ON FRIDAY, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER RENEWED HIS WARNINGS EARLIER IN THE WEEK TO BOTH CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION THAT THEIR CONTINUED PRESENCE IN AFRICA ONLY TENDS TO ESCALATE WORLD TENSION.

DOCTOR KISSINGER ACKNOWLEDGED TO A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE FRIDAY THAT WHILE THE ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT A CRISIS SITUATION EXISTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, IT IS REVIEWING ALL OPTIONS--INCLUDING MILITARY--IN THE EVENT OF ANY NEW CUBAN ADVENTURE ANYWHERE ELSE. HE ASSURED THE SENATORS THAT THIS REVIEW IS NORMAL PROCEDURE IN ANY SITUATION CONSIDERED DANGEROUS BY WASHINGTON. (OPT) AS HE PUT IT--"IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FO THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF NOT TO BE MAKING PLANS FOR ANY CON-TINGENCIES." HOWEVER, HE ADDED, "THERE IS NO CRISIS" AT THIS TIME, IN WASHINGTON'S VIEW. (END OPT) DOCTOR KISSINGER EMPHASIZED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS TRYING TO MAKE CLEAR TO MOSCOW AND HAVANA ITS VIEW THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INTERVENTION IN AFRICA BY THEM WOULD BE--IN HIS WORDS--"A MATTER OF EXTREME GRAVITY." HE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT WASHINGTON CONTINUES TO OPPOSE MINORITY WHITE RULE IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, BUT IS ALSO FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ANY SOVIET-CUBAN ATTEMPT TO CHANGE BY FORCE THE INTERNATIONAL

POWER BALANCE. AND HE SAID THAT A NUMBER OF AFRICAN NATIONS HAVE INDICATED THEY ARE INCREASINGLY APPRECIATIVE OF THIS AMERICAN POSITION.

WHAT WASHINGTON AND LONDON ARE OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO IMPRESS ON THE SOVIET AND CUBAN GOVERNMENTS IS THE DANGER OF ANY MIS-READING BY THEM OF THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN VIEWS ON THE AFRICAN SITUATION. IT IS HOPED HERE THAT THE JOINT MESSAGE IS BEING STUDIED IN BOTH COMMUNIST CAPITALS WITH THE SERIOUSNESS THE SITUATION WARRANTS.

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